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**RULE 116 REPLY BRIEF TO FINAL PTO ACTION OF APRIL 11, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
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ON 27 Sept 2006

Dear Sirs:

REMARKS

The last PTO action of April 2006, casts the pending 21 claims into three categories: allowable as presently set out in the clean claim set filed in October 2005 (11 claims); objected to but allowable, if their dependency is amended (4 claims); and finally rejected (6) claims.

Rider A attached here to sets out the current status of each pending claim plus the listing of independent claim 27, which effects the integration of claims 1 and 2, but concurrently eliminates the main claim 1, and dependent claim <sup>2</sup>, as well. Allowable dependent claim 3 is amended to depend from new main claim 27. Allowable dependent claim 5 is also amended to depend from main claim 27, and allowable dependent claim 7 is also amended to depend from main claim 27. Thus the four allowable dependent claims (2,3,5 and 7) are now all properly recast to overcome the dependency objections of the Examiner.